

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1-18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) A method in a computer-implemented project information management system for customizing a graphical representation of project data, the method comprising:

providing project data for a project, the project data identifying tasks of the project, each task being defined by a plurality of data fields;

displaying a graphical representation of the provided project data, wherein a task is represented as a graphical element displayed in a first format, the first format of the graphical element including a first border surrounding a first set of cells arranged in a first layout, the first set of cells being configured to display a first set of data fields of the task;

receiving from a user a selection of the graphical element representing the task;

displaying options for formatting the selected graphical element;

receiving from the user a selection of a second format for the selected graphical element, the second format including a second border surrounding a second set of cells arranged in a second layout different from the first layout, the second set of cells being configured to display a second set of data fields of the task different from the first set of data fields; and

representing the selected graphical element in the selected second format

whereby the user can customize the display of the project data on a task-by-task basis, such that a first graphical element representing a first task comprises different data fields and a different layout of data fields than a second graphical element representing a second task~~such that the graphical element displayed in the first format comprises different data fields and different layout of data fields than the graphical element displayed in the second format.~~

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19 wherein the second set of cells has more cells configured to display the second set of data fields than the first set of cells.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19 wherein the at least one of the first and second set of cells includes a label.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19 including storing an association between the task represented by the selected graphical element and selected second format so that when the graphical representation of the provided project data is re-displayed, the graphical element for the task can be displayed in the selected second format.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19 wherein tasks are assigned to categories and including:

receiving from the user a selection of a category;

receiving from the user a selection of a third format; and

re-displaying the graphical elements of the tasks assigned to the selected category in the selected third format.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19 wherein the displaying of options includes displaying a dialog box for specifying a style of a graphical element and a separate dialog box for specifying how data within a graphical element is to be displayed.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19 wherein the displaying of options includes displaying a dialog box for specifying a style of a graphical element.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19 wherein the displaying of options includes displaying a dialog box for specifying how data within a graphical element is to be displayed.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 26 wherein the dialog box displays an indication of pre-existing templates for display of data.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19 wherein a task has associated data variables and the selected second format specifies the data variables of the task whose values are to be displayed within the selected graphical representation.

29. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium for controlling a computer-implemented project information management system to customize a graphical representation of project data of a project, the project having tasks, a task having data variables, by a method comprising:

~~displaying, for each of a plurality of tasks of the project, a graphical representation of provided project data, wherein a task is represented as a graphical element displayed with a first border enclosing a first set of one or more data variables arranged in a first layout;~~

~~receiving from a user a selection of the graphical element representing the a task;~~

~~displaying an indication of data variables of a the selected task;~~

~~receiving from the user a selection of a second set of one or more data variables different from the first set of data variables, wherein the second set of data variables are arranged in a second layout different from the first layout; and~~

~~re-displaying the selected a graphical element representing the selected task with the selected second set of data variables arranged in the second layout~~

whereby the user can customize the display of the project data on a task-by-task basis, such that a graphical element representing the selected task is displayed in the second format at the same time a graphical element representing another task is displayed in the

~~first format such that the graphical element with the first set of data variables comprises different data variables and different layout of data variables than the graphical element with the second set of data variables.~~

30. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 29 including storing an association between the task represented by the selected graphical element and the selected second set of data variables so that when the graphical representation of the provided project data is re-displayed, the graphical element for the task can be displayed with the selected second set of data variables.

31. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 29 wherein tasks are assigned to categories and the graphical elements representing tasks assigned to a selected category are displayed with the selected second set of data variables.

32. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 29 wherein the displaying of the indication includes displaying a dialog box for specifying a style of the graphical element and a separate dialog box for specifying how data variables within the graphical element are to be displayed.

33. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 29 wherein the displaying of the indication includes displaying a dialog box for specifying how data variables within the graphical element are to be displayed.

34. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 33 wherein the dialog box displays an indication of pre-existing templates for display of the data variables.

35. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium containing instructions for controlling a computer-implemented project information management system to customize a graphical representation of project data, by a method comprising:

providing project data for a project, the project data identifying tasks of the project, each task being defined by a plurality of data fields, wherein at least some of the tasks are assigned to a category;

displaying a graphical representation of the provided project data, wherein a task is represented as a graphical element displayed in a first shape format, the first shape format including a first border in a first shape surrounding a first set of cells arranged in a first layout, the first set of cells being configured to display a first set of data fields of the task;

receiving from a user a selection of a category of a task;

displaying options for formatting a graphical element representing the task;

receiving from the user a selection of a second shape format, wherein the second shape format including a second border in a second shape different from the first shape, the second border surrounding a second set of cells arranged in a second layout different from the first layout, the second set of cells being configured to display a second set of data fields of the task different from the first set of data fields; and

re-displaying the graphical elements of the tasks assigned to the selected category in the second shape format

whereby the user can customize the display of the project data on a category-by-category basis, such that graphical elements representing tasks in one category are displayed in a first shape format at the same time as graphical elements representing tasks in a different category are displayed in a second shape format~~the graphical element displayed in the first shape format comprises different data fields and different layout of data fields than the graphical element displayed in the second shape format.~~

36. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 35 wherein the second set of cells has more cells configured to display the second set of data fields than the first set of cells.

37. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 35 wherein the at least one of the first and second set of cells includes a label.

38. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 35 including storing an association between the selected category and the second shape format so that when the graphical representation of the provided project data is re-displayed, the graphical element for a task assigned to that category can be displayed in the second shape format.

39. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 35 wherein the displaying of options includes displaying a dialog box for specifying a style of a graphical element and a separate dialog box for specifying how data within a graphical element is to be displayed.

40. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 35 wherein the displaying of options includes displaying a dialog box for specifying a style of a graphical element.

41. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 35 wherein the displaying of options includes displaying a dialog box for specifying how data within a graphical element is to be displayed.

42. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 35 wherein a task has associated data variables and the second shape format specifies the data

variables of the task whose values are to be displayed within the graphical elements of tasks assigned to the selected category.

43. (New) A method in a computer-implemented project information management system for displaying information of different tasks in different formats, the method comprising:

- providing a first format of a graphical element for displaying information of a task;
 - providing a second format of a graphical element for displaying information of a task;
 - selecting tasks of the project whose information is to be displayed; and
 - for each selected task, displaying a graphical element for the task in either the first format or the second format
- so that a graphical element for a task displayed in the first format and a graphical element for a different task displayed in the second format are displayed simultaneously.